

FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL

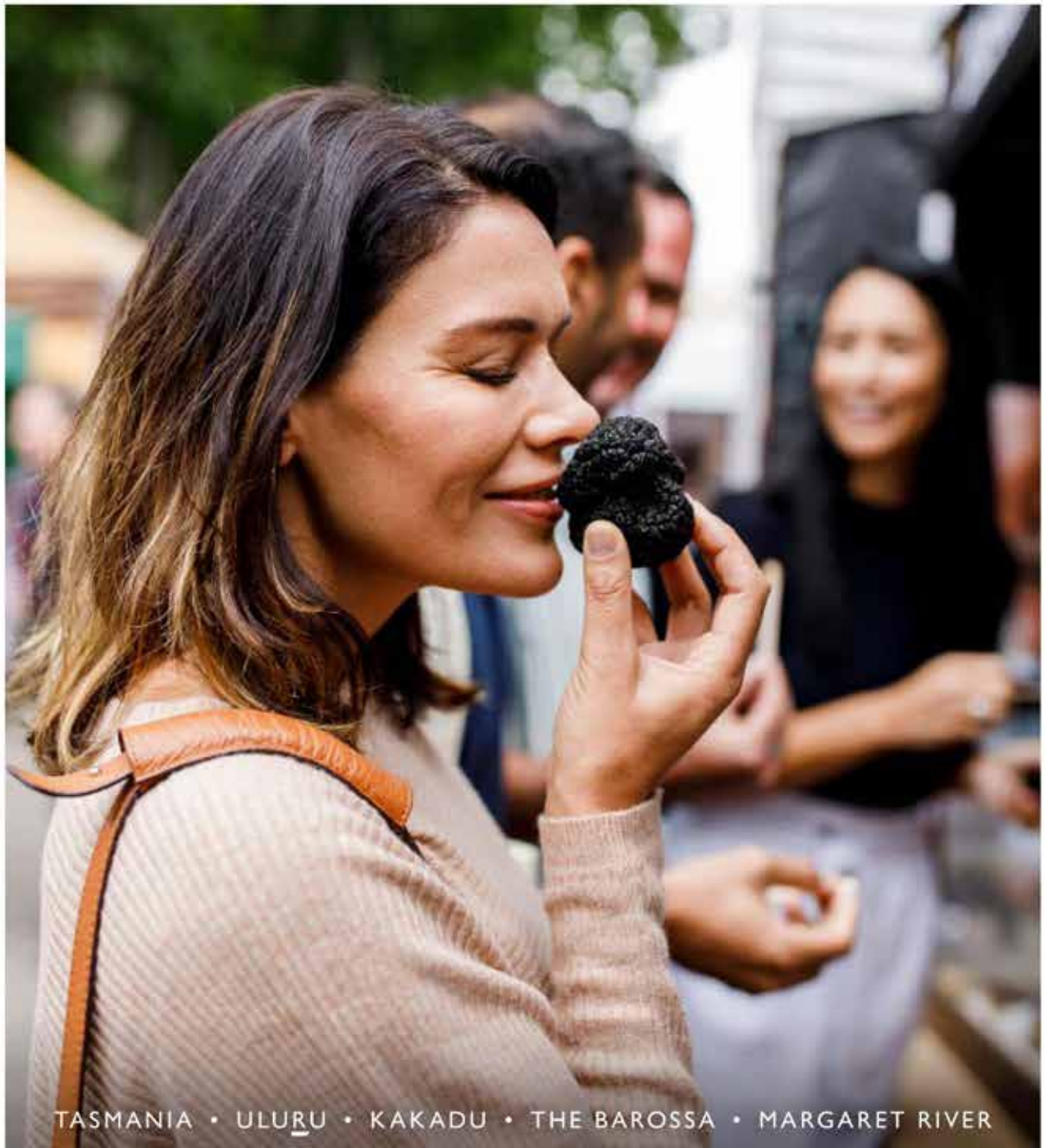


*Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*



Inspiring Journeys

# AUSTRALIA



TASMANIA • ULURU • KAKADU • THE BAROSSA • MARGARET RIVER

# KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

05 DAYS



Top Didj Cultural Experience

## IMMERSE

Visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery and learn of its moving history, and discover the ancient rock art gallery at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie).

## INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge, where the Chef's menu is crafted daily.

## EXPLORE

Climb Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) for spectacular views over Kakadu, spot crocodiles and other wildlife on Yellow Water Billabong.

## RELAX

Stay in the heart of Nitmiluk National Park at the eco-friendly Cicada Lodge, where you can enjoy sunset drinks and canapés poolside looking out to the native bushland.

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### Day 1: Darwin – Litchfield – Kakadu

This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls and also enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest and hear about its importance in Aboriginal culture. Get ready for a cross-country journey into magnificent Kakadu National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and brogas, magpie geese and jabiru as you traverse the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru. Wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery before getting to know your fellow travellers over a Welcome Reception.

**HOTEL** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights

**MEALS** Lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 2: Kakadu National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu - one of the best ways to experience the enormity

of this wonderful national park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Join your Journey Director on a walk at Kakadu's stunning Ubirr rock art site. You'll see ancient rock art and discover remarkable views over the surrounding wetlands and escarpments from the fantastic vantage point, Nadab lookout. After lunch on the Yellow Waters Billabong cruise you will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system. Returning to your hotel you will have the chance to relax with a refreshing dip in the hotel's shaded pool before dinner.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine



Yellow Water Billabong

### Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu; one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, visit Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people. Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.

**HOTEL** Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Today meet prominent local Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional performance on the didgeridoo. Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! This evening, relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River. Marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 5: Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

## DEPARTURES

2024			
May	09, 16, 23	Aug	01, 15, 29
Jun	06, 20	Sep	05, 12, 19, 26
Jul	04, 18, 25		

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit [inspiringjourneys.com/mnnd](https://inspiringjourneys.com/mnnd) or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

## INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 11+ Unforgettable experiences
- 12 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

## NOTES

### MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Private vehicle return airport to hotel transfers are included in the price.
- Flight Information:  
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport  
Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

